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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED ON AUNG SAN SU KYI CONVICTION

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¶1. (SBU) On August 17, Acting Pol/Econ Chief delivered reftel demarche to Dana Rudaka, Head of Asia and Oceania Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Rudaka said that Latvia is supportive of the U.S. position, as evidenced by the EU statement condemning the conviction of ASSK. Rudaka said Latvia is unlikely to make any individual statement and would continue to take its lead from the EU on the matter. Rudaka also noted the successful visit of Senator Webb to Burma and reiterated that Latvia does not maintain diplomatic ties with the Burma. Post will report any substantive follow up or press coverage via septel or email.

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